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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Apart from the Central Government's list, will this State Government consider the immediate necessity for including them in the list of backward classes for the purpose of eligibility to the educational concessions granted by them, as the men belonging to this community are living by sorcery, black magic and devil dance and the women by rendering a kind of country maternity aid, and as the community is very backward economically and otherwise? "

THE HON. SRI B PARAMESWARAN :—" All these factors were taken into consideration and the community has already been included in the list of backward classes."

Mobile medical vans for the North Arcot district.

* 595 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to afford medical facilities to the villagers of North Arcot district by way of mobile medical vans;

(*b*) the probable cost of a van; and

(*c*) when it will come into force?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Rs. 16,000.

" (*c*) The question is under consideration."

Permission to students studying for " Siromani " courses in the Sanskrit Colleges managed by Ahobila Mutt to appear for S.S.L.C. Examination.

* 596 *Q.*—SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have allowed the students studying for " Siromani " courses in the Sanskrit Colleges managed by Ahobila Mutt to appear privately for S.S.L.C. Examination; and

(*b*) whether the students studying for Tamil Vidwan courses are also shown the same concession and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir. The rules do not permit this."

Electrification of Taluk office, Tanjore.

* 597 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be plesed to state—

(*a*) the estimated cost of electrification of the Taluk office at Tanjore; and

(*b*) when it will be taken up for execution?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) There is no proposal to electrify the taluk office at Tanjore. The questions put by the hon. Member do not therefore arise."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" தாலூகா ஆபீஸில் இருப்பவர்கள் இரவு 8 மணிவரையிலும் ஹரிக்கேன், பெட்ரோமாக்ஸ் போன்ற விளக்குகளை வைத்துக்கொண்டு வேலை செய்து வருகிறார்கள். இவர்களுக்கு மின்சார வசதி செய்து கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No recommendation has been received for the provision of that amenity by the officers concerned."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In several taluk offices, especially in the taluk office in Tanjore, there is the outmoded punkah system, and peons on a salary of Rs. 30 per month are employed as punkah-pullers. In view of the drain on the resources of this Government due to the employment of punkah-pullers, would it not be advisable to install electric fans, and also electric lights in the taluk offices? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" After the amenities are given to district offices, taluk offices will be taken up."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I request the Government to electrify as a matter of policy all taluk offices and revenue divisional offices because they are situated in towns where electricity is already available and as the clerks there have to work long hours and also late in the night with lanterns where kerosene itself is not available? Work under such conditions is hardly conducive to efficiency."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have a programme to provide this amenity gradually."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" While it is understandable that taluk offices throughout the State should be electrified, may I bring to the notice of the Government that there is much waste of time by the clerks during day-time, as they do not do adequate work during day-time? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with this question? I pass on to the next question."

Veterinary College, Madras.

* 598 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of staff employed in the Veterinary College, Vepery, Madras ;

(*b*) the number of students undergoing training in the College ;